GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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DIGGING OF WELLS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the State Governments particularly from Tamil Nadu for release of financial assistance for digging wells in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES

(SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) As per the information furnished by the concerned organizations of the State Government of Tamil Nadu, they have not submitted any proposal to the Union Government for release of financial assistance for digging wells in the State.
The Central Ground Water Board, however, undertakes drilling of exploratory wells with the purpose of collecting scientific data. The successful exploratory wells, instead of being discarded are handed over to the States at a nominal cost for their utilization for irrigation, drinking and other purposes. As on September, 2000 the Central Ground Water Board has handed over/offered 4939 exploratory wells to the States.
The Union Ministry of Rural Development isalso allocating funds to the State Governments for rural development programmes which, inter-alia, include installation of tube-wells.